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Testimony of CARTY S. CHANG Interim Chairperson

Before the House Committees on WATER AND LAND and OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Friday, April 17, 2015 11:00AM State Capitol, Room 325

In consideration of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 14 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KAHALUU, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE **EXISTING SEAWALL**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 14 requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering 31,266 square feet, more or less, portion of state submerged lands fronting the property identified as tax map key: (1) 4-7-011: seaward of 001, at Kahaluu, Koolaupoko, Oahu for use, repair, and maintenance of existing seawall constructed thereon, pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The Department of Land and Natural Resources ("Department") supports this concurrent resolution.

The current owner of the abutting property, Kahaluu Pond, Inc., obtained a 30-year term easement from the Board of Land and Natural Resources ("Board") commencing from 1984. In view of the expiration date in 2014, the owner requested the Board issue a new 55-year term easement for the same purpose. As required by Section 171-53, HRS, the Board may lease submerged lands "with the prior approval of the Governor and the prior authorization of the Legislature by concurrent resolution". At its meeting on October 11, 2013, under agenda item D-6, the Board approved the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement for seawall purposes. In addition, the Board authorized the issuance of a right-of-entry to Kahaluu Pond, Inc. for seawall purposes until the execution of the easement document.

The Department hired the appraisal firm of Appraisal Hawaii, Inc. who determined the one-time payment fair market value of the easement is \$4,060.